

May 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Senate and House Committees
on Termination of NID Deliveries

25X1 [] and I talked with Key staffers on all five committees now receiving the Daily. In each case we explained that someone, we did not know who, had used material from the Daily in a manner which caused problems for an Administration witness and this in turn caused problems for us. We offered to substitute the Secret Weekly Summary and to provide oral briefings. The reaction was mixed.

Senate Armed Services: We broke the news to Clark McFadden who was clearly distressed. Clark stated that he used the Daily to prepare briefing material for the Chairman and occasionally other members of the Committee. He felt that losing the Daily would be a serious handicap to him, a handicap not compensated with the Weekly.

Senate Appropriations: Guy McConnell was fairly relaxed about the situation stating he understood our problem. He was quite willing to accept the Weekly Summary.

House Appropriations: Our stormiest session was with Ralph Preston and Chuck Snodgrass. Preston began with the initial reaction that they would simply cut out that portion of our appropriations devoted to the Daily. Things improved somewhat from that point, but the message was very much in evidence--they want the Daily continued. Preston stated that they had no confidence in the "crap" offered up by Defense and that they felt the Daily was the first honest effort to provide the Congress with the same information being offered Administration policymakers. He felt that any efforts to change the format or the type of publication

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would be read as an effort to curtail Congressional access to required intelligence. It emerged from the conversation that few if any Committee members actually use the Daily, rather it is used by Preston and Snodgrass for their own background and for briefing the members. We promised to convey their attitude to the Director.

House Armed Services: Frank Slatinshek agreed to drop the Daily even before we went into our explanation as to why. He commented that he never read it and neither did Mr. Nedzi. He was quite willing to accept the Weekly Summary.

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Senate Foreign Relations:

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25X1 [redacted] Pat said that he felt everyone understood the Director's problem. He agreed to take the Weekly Summary, 25X1 but with a marked lack of enthusiasm.

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